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SUBJECT: TRANSIT OF ISRAELI CARGOES AND IMPLEMENTATION OF AGREEMENT

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1. HAVE BEEN IN TOUCH WITH FAHMY THIS MORNING TO INFORM IM SECRETARY HAS PASSED TO ISRAELIS EGYPTIAN POSITION RE TRANSIT OF ISRAELI CARGOES ON OCTOBER 22 IF ISRAELIS BEGIN IMPLEMENTATION OCT 5. I ADDED SECRETARY HAS STRONGLY RECOMMENDED ISRAELIS AGREE AND HAS REQUESTED URGENT REPLY, WHICH WE WILL PASS ON TO HIM AS SOON AS IT IS RECEIVED.

2. I ALSO TOLD HIM THAT I AM STILL AWAITING SECRETARY'S REACTION TO HIS SUGGESTION THAT I NOT LEAVE UNTIL IMPLEMENTATION ISSUE IS RESOLVED. FAHMY REITERATED IMPORTANCE PRESIDENT ATTACHES TO THIS.

3. FINALLY, I TOLD FAHMY WE WERE PUZZLED ABOUT A REPORT FROM THE ISRAELIS THAT GAMASY ALLEGEDLY TOLD SIILASVUO THAT EGYPT WILL NOT BE READY TO SEND TECHNICIANS TO OILFIELDS BEFORE OCT 10. THIS IS AT VARIANCE WITH WHAT HE HAD TOLD ME AND WITH WHAT MOBIL REPRESENTATIVES HAVE TOLD US. COULD HE CLARIFY? FAHMY DISMISSED THIS REPORT. HE INSISTED GOE IS READY TO SEND MOBIL PEOPLE TO RAS EL-SIDR ON OCT 5, AND IS MERELY AWAITING ISRAELI AGREEMENT TO IMPLEMENT AS SCHEDULED.

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4. COMMENT. IF ISRAELI REPORT OF WHAT GAMASY IS SUPPOSED TO HAVE SAID TO SIILASVUO IS TRUE, I CAN ONLY ASSUME HE MAY HAVE BEEN TALKING ABOUT UPCOMING FIVE-DAY BAIRAM AND VICTORY DAY CELEBRATIONS. AS WE HAVE REPORTED,

MOBIL TECHNICIANS ARE READY AND PREPARED TO GO OCT 5 DESPITE
UPCOMING HOLIDAYS. SIILASVUO IS SUPPOSED TO BE IN
CAIRO TOMORROW, SATURDAY, AND I MAY HAVE B/G SVEDNSSEN MEET
WITH HIM IN ORDER TO SATISFY OURSELVES THAT ADEQUATE UNEF
ARRANGEMENTS MADE FOR AMERICAN TECHNICIANS' PROTECTION.
I MAY ALSO HAVE HIM DISCREETLY CHECK WHETHER GAMASY MADE
SUCH A STATEMENT AND, IF SO, IN WHAT CONTEXT. HOWEVER, I
THINK WE MUST BE GUIDED BY FAHMY'S STATEMENT, BASED AS IT
IS ON THE PRESIDENT'S SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS.
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